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NORTHERN CALIFORNIA CONFERENCE SECTION

RENAISSANCE OF JESUS

Friends and alumni of our own Pa- c School of Religion may well be oud of the stream of notable books itten by the faculty members. Now nes another "The Renaissance of sus," by Prof. George T. Tolson, ofessor of History of Christianity, end and confidant of every student the past—well, many years.

Dr. Tolson, in common with Stanley nes and many other writers, makes arp distinction between the Chris- nity of history and our present day, d the Religion of Jesus. He takes ll account of the work of New Tes- ment criticism in removing the ac- etions and interpretations of Jesus nich arose in the problems and ex- riences of the early church. His ain concern is to show that the eligion of Jesus, which was more his e than his teachings, in spite of its eologies and institutions and cere- onies and dependence on force, is ill the one hope of mankind and has e power to regenerate the world.

ome significant sentences follow:

"By choosing to do two miles when quired to do one, is to assert one's ill and thus to change one's stature om servitude to freedom." "Jesus' ay was not non-resistance, but the ry most effective sort of resistance, hen employed by a Jesus kind of erson." "It is still not possible to ason oneself into religion, but it is reat gain to be able to be religious ithout denying the validity of mod- n knowledge."

"However painful it may be to do , there should be not the least hesi- tion, when faced with the alterna- ve, to sacrifice a cherished theory inspiration for the exaltation of esus to His proper place in our reli- ion and in the life of the world."

"The truth is that, with very no- ble local exceptions at various times history, the Christian Church as a hole today is less creed-bound, less ogmatic, more liberal and free in ought; more conscious of its mis- ion to save the world in all its social, conomic and political aspects; feels ore keenly its responsibility to arry the gospel to the world; has igher moral standards; is more con- cious of its sins and more self-criti- al; and even less dominated by class- ule than at any time since the period f the early church. The church, there- ore, although in a sorrowful plight in any respects, can be saved for the eligion of Jesus if those devoted to esus will have patience and persis- ence."

Dr. S. Parkes Cadman recently gave he book highest praise during his Sunday question drawer over the Na- ional radio hook-up.

FAREWELL

"The Potter's Wheel" is still. It has been felt by the Commission on Mis- sions that the Guest Book is more effective publicity and there was a de- sire to cut down expenses, hence its discontinuance. Churches that have taken pledges including a subscription are urged to explain to contributors that they are to expect a better Guest Book in lieu of the paper.

ANNUAL MEETINGS

STOCKTON

The sixty-third annual meeting of the First Church of Stockton was held on January 15th. The reports of the various officers and organizations were printed in a four-page folder for distribution at the meeting. These reports show great work being done. The church closed its year with a membership of 565, a net gain of 25 over the previous year. The Sunday School reports an enrollment of 322. The pastor reports having made 54 addresses outside his regular church meetings, besides conducting a class at the College of the Pacific, and has made 670 church calls. One of the outstanding events of the year was the organization of a Congregational Men's Club.

SANTA CRUZ

The annual meeting of the Santa Cruz church was held on January 13, with more than 200 present. Splendid reports were given by the different departments, and in addition to this, during the supper there were several two-minute talks given on the work of the church during 1930. A budget of $7,500 was adopted. A membership of 502 was reported. The pastor reported that in the seven months of his service here he has made 700 calls. The pastor and his wife presented a $5.00 gold piece to the organization having the most members present, which was won by the mission group of the Woman's club with 97 per cent of their members in attendance.

CALVARY CHURCH, OAKLAND

Calvary Church, Oakland, held its annual meeting on January 8th, under the leadership of their new pastor, Rev. J. R. Shoemaker, who has been with them for five months now. During this last year the Sunday School has been reorganized and is flourishing under a competent staff of officers and teachers. The reports showed that all bills had been paid, and a small balance left in the treasuries.

LOOMIS

The Loomis Congregational Church held its annual meeting in December, following a supper for about 100 members and friends. The reports showed that there had been a gain in membership in both the church and Sunday School. Improvements to the church and parsonage had been made at a cost of $300. A collection was taken at the meeting to raise the budget, and $400 in cash came in. The church has had a good year, peace and harmony prevailing to a high degree. In the opinion of many, this annual meeting was the best held in several years.

SEBASTOPOL

Rev. George E. Atkinson, the new pastor at Sebastopol, who began his work there the middle of December, presided at the annual meeting held recently. The reports were very encouraging in all departments. A Christian Endeavor Society was organized with enthusiasm and interest.

FAIRFAX

The annual meeting of the Fairfax Community Church was held January 8. A splendid progress in the raising of the 1930 budget was reported. The church is assuming a larger share in the pastor's salary, relieving the Conference of a part of its investment. New members are coming into fellowship. Rev. James H. Price is pastor.

SONOMA

The annual meeting of the Sonoma Church was held on January 15th, with a good attendance. The reports showed an increase in its giving for both local and benevolence purposes. The Women's Society showed a year of unusual activity. The Sunday School reports an enrollment of 123 in all classes. A new society has recently been organized to enlist the parents in the religious education of their children. Rev. James E. Enman, the pastor, thanked all who had helped to make the past year a success.

KEEPING A SENSE OF LIFE'S SIGNIFICANCE

There is danger today that we shall lose the sense of life's significance and meaning. Our modern magazines strike frequently a note of futility. Many writers, some with pathos and others with apparent glee, suggest that life is bereft of purpose.

Many causes lie back of this tendency. The enlarged concept we have of the universe has helped. The effect of the ascertained facts of heredity and of the influence of environment have changed our thinking about personality. The pace of life has quickened. We are so busy somewhere that we do not always have time to consider whither we are bound.

If a sense of life's significance should vanish the loss would be irretrievable. It would weaken incalculably the incentive to noble achievement. It would mean twilight for the Christian evangel.

What will minister toward preserving this most precious asset for great living? This age must master the truth that bulk and worth are not identical. Every age has had its own obsession. Ours is the worship of bulk and size.

The value of what is happening on this planet cannot be measured by any yardstick, nor weighed in any balance. The final worth is in the dreams and hopes and visions found in the soul of man. It is there or nowhere. The mind of our time needs to be weaned from a worship of bulk and mass and won to an understanding of unseen values.

Here is one way, among many, which, if emphasized, will help to keep that which is vital to life, a sense of its meaning and purpose. The call to the Christian Church of our day is to set forth the finality of the values that inhere in character and in the life of the spirit.

BENJAMIN GOULD.

AT CHICAGO

Meetings of the State Superintendents, Commission on Missions, Prudential Committee of the American Board, and the Home Board were held January 18-23 at the Sherman Hotel, Chicago.

One's first question is why an ecclesiastical meeting in this hotel. And the answer may be, lest the church become too complacent and think that its job of reform is done. The meeting was arranged for the Sherman because other hotels refused to entertain negro members of the commission. After four days of combat between churchmen and bootleggers and other illegal venders, it seemed to be agreed that the Sherman was better suited for Bill Thompson's headquarters than for a church meeting.

The first day's meeting of the Home Board was taken up entirely with a review of the field. Eighteen superintendents and secretaries brought glimpses of their work. To a new member of the board this was illuminating. It brought a new realization of the breadth of our work and of the fine quality of our leadership.

Significant actions of the Commission on Missions were:

First—A vote to continue the Plan of Advance. The purpose is to raise among the churches 20 per cent more money for missions in 1930 than we raised in 1928. This means $600,000 increase. Toward this amount the Layman's Advisory Committee is securing pledges, conditional upon raising the whole amount of $200,000. In view of the decreased contributions of the past year there was some misgiving about the step-up. But after discussion it was unanimously and earnestly voted to go ahead.

Second—That the Survey Committee shall recommend to the commission the three percentages, and shall recommend to the Home Board the distribution of its share among the several societies.

Third—A year ago it was voted to ask the societies to share in the promotional expense of the Commission on Missions in proportion to their receipts from the churches rather than in proportion to the percentages assigned. This plan resulted in the American Board and the A. M. A. paying more while the other boards paid less. After full discussion and by sharply divided vote it was decided to continue the plan of the past year. It was further voted that the Christmas fund of the Ministerial Relief should bear its share of the promotional expense.

These are a few of the many matters dealt with during the five days session. These boards work morning, afternoon and night, and at meal time, too. The purpose is the transaction of business, but in the course of the work acquaintances are made, friendships develop, inspiration comes, that make such a meeting a cherished memory.

In the interstices of many business meetings the Pacific Coast delegations busied themselves with securing speakers and making arrangements for the Pacific Slope Congress to be held in Berkeley, September 30, to October 2.

T. T. GIFFEN.

THE STORY OF OUR GIVING FOR KINGDOM EXTENSION

Below is listed the record of our churches in their giving for 1929 in comparison with 1928. Churches which made a gain are entered in black-face type. These figures are subject to correction, but are based on latest reports.

Church	1929 Remitted to Conference Treasurer	1929 Remitted to Eastern Societies	1929 Total	1928 Total
Adin	$ 200.00	$	$ 200.00	$ 200.00
Alameda—First	560.00	40.00	600.00	395.00
Alturas	205.00	.....	205.00	60.00
Angel's Camp	100.00	.....	100.00	90.00
Antioch	.....	.....	.....	53.00
Auburn	91.00	.....	91.00	67.00
Benicia	33.00	.....	33.00	39.00
Berkeley—First	8,828.00	687.00	9,515.00	9,026.00
North	2,000.00	20.00	2,020.00	2,295.00
Park	218.00	.....	218.00	243.62
Biola	.....	.....	.....	247.00
Campbell	500.00	23.00	523.00	477.00
Ceres	700.00	.....	700.00	631.00
Cloverdale	326.00	.....	326.00	277.00
Cotati	136.00	.....	136.00	65.00
Crockett	166.00	.....	166.00	154.00
Dinuba	.....	.....	.....	85.00
Eureka	364.00	.....	364.00	249.00
Fairfax	35.00	.....	35.00	39.00
Ferndale	276.00	20.00	296.00	249.00
Fresno—First	686.00	.....	686.00	908.00
Kreuz	.....	23.00	23.00	207.00
Pilgrim	100.00	2.00	102.00	126.00
Japanese	.....	.....	.....	30.00
Third	.....	.....	.....	59.00
Zion	.....	.....	.....	241.00
Glen Ellen	13.00	.....	13.00	51.00
Grass Valley	131.00	.....	131.00	129.00
Guerneville	40.00	.....	40.00	85.00
Hayward	113.00	.....	113.00	102.00
Kenwood	53.00	.....	53.00	63.00
Lockeford	50.00	.....	50.00	53.00
Lodi—First	1,668.00	175.00	1,843.00	1,856.00
Loomis	105.00	.....	105.00	80.00
Los Gatos	71.00	.....	71.00	101.00
Martinez	324.00	12.00	336.00	267.00
Murphy	70.00	.....	70.00	13.00
Niles	76.00	.....	76.00	47.00
Oakland—Calvary	33.00	15.00	48.00	101.00
First	6,314.00	290.00	6.604.00	10,185.50
Fruitvale	94.00	.....	94.00	157.00
Olivet	184.00	.....	184.00	182.00
Pilgrim	358.00	7.00	365.00	359.00
Plymouth	1,506.00	10.00	1,516.00	2,509.00
Orland	48.00	.....	48.00	.....
Oleander	.....	.....	.....	28.00
Oroville	427.00	.....	427.00	434.0
Pacific Grove	540.00	95.00	635.00	721.0
Palermo	10.00	.....	10.00	.....
Palo Alto	2,282.00	35.00	2,317.00	2,025.0
Paradise	156.00	.....	156.00	157.0
Petaluma	351.00	20.00	371.00	1,101.0
Pittsburg	112.00	.....	112.00	117.0
Porterville	110.00	.....	110.00	216.0
Redwood City	807.00	.....	807.00	975.0
Reno, Nevada	492.00	.....	492.00	601.0
Reedley—Finnish	.....	6.00	6.00	.....
Rio Vista	10.00	.....	10.00	20.0
Ripon	48.00	9.00	57.00	30.0
Sacramento	985.00	.....	985.00	805.0
Salida	36.00	.....	36.00	76.0
San Carlos	30.00	.....	30.00	.....
San Francisco—Bethany	250.00	85.00	335.00	274.0
Calvary	20.00	.....	20.00	.....
First	2,386.00	.....	2,386.00	3,001.0
Mission Park	225.00	5.00	230.00	190.0
Richmond	82.00	10.00	92.00	99.0
Sanger	.....	.....	.....	164.0
San Jose	1,381.00	130.00	1,511.00	1,364.0
San Leandro	79.00	.....	79.00	124.0
San Lorenzo	97.00	.....	97.00	94.0
San Mateo	20.00	.....	20.00	640.0
San Rafael	5.00	.....	5.00	6.0
Santa Cruz	1,255.00	.....	1,255.00	1,171.0
Santa Rosa—First	540.00	25.00	565.00	618.0
Todd	.....	.....	.....	8.0
Saratoga	1,110.00	55.00	1,165.00	1,410.0
Sebastopol	134.00	.....	134.00	159.0
Sonoma	300.00	5.00	305.00	343.0
Stockton	2,208.00	.....	2,208.00	2,479.0
Suisun	78.00	.....	78.00	155.0
Sunnyvale	50.00	.....	50.00	62.0
Sunol Glen	39.00	.....	39.00	35.0
Tulare	278.00	10.00	288.00	304.0
Tipton	.....	.....	.....	30.0
Weaverville	48.00	5.00	54.00	8.0
Woodside	160.00	1.00	161.00	192.0
Miscellaneous—Ind	4,719.00	240.00	4,959.00	5,866.0
	$48,635.00	$2,186.00	$50,821.00	$59,921.0

From the foregoing it appears that during the year 1929 a total of $48 635.00 came through our Conference office. In 1928, the amount remitte through our Conference office was $50,105.00, a loss of $2,000.00. The shortag for our regular work is even greater, as we received $4,702.00 for Fellowshi Building Fund and other special objects, as against $2,061.00 in 1928. Thus th total shortage for regular benevolent work is approximately $4,700.00

Federation Elects

The annual meeting of the Federation of Congregational Women of Northern California was held in Plymouth Church, Oakland, January 16 and 17. Four sessions, two each day, were held. Dinner and luncheon were served by the Women's League of Plymouth Church.

The following officers were elected for the coming year:

Mrs. T. E. Borden, President.

Mrs. H. M. Smitten, 1st Vice-President.

Mrs. F. J. Van Horn, 2nd Vice-President.

Mrs. W. W. Furze, Treasurer.

Mrs. H. L. Holcomb, Recording Secretary.

Mrs. E. B. Mead, corresponding secretary.

Mrs. E. H. May, Field Secretary.

Mrs. Gail Cleland, Foreign Secretary.

Mrs. Nellie M. Shoemaker, Home Secretary.

Mrs. A. P. Peck, Friendly Relations Committee.

Mrs. Chas. T. Tinker, Social Welfare Secretary.

Mrs. F. F. T. Watson, Assistant Social Welfare Secretary.

Mrs. James H. Price, Young People Secretary.

Mrs. Helen G. Byrne, Thank Offering Secretary.

Mrs. M. G. Castor, Literature Secretary.

Mrs. L. A. Stark, Cradle Roll Secretary.

Mrs. L. L. Wirt, Prayer Guild Secretary.

Mrs. H. A. Davenport, Auditor.

FELLOWSHIP OF PRAYER

"Coming to Terms With Life," is the general theme used by Rev. Jay T. Stocking for the 1930 fellowship of Prayer. These helpful little booklets give a brief guide for devotions each from Ash Wednesday (March 5th) to Easter (April 20th.) Something of the scope of these Lenten Meditations is seen from the weekly topics. Coming to terms with the Universe, with Ourselves, with Others, with Difficulties, with Responsibility, and finally with Ultimate Things. These booklets may be secured from our Conference office at 2c per copy, if the order is placed early. Many churches mail a copy to every family with a letter from the pastor suggesting its use. Many hundred thousand are now being used by other denominations, and in some localities radio stations are broadcasting the messages daily.

It is with keen regret that we report another slip in our Congregational giving to benevolences. Upon the basis of available figures, the loss of 1929 over 1928 is as follows:

American Board	$ 8,994
Home Boards	35,961
State Conferences	22,520

Total loss in apportionment contributions, $67,475.

This, following the loss of 1928 over 1927 of $51,243, creates a situation which is alarming to those carrying the administrative work of our boards and conferences. The record of our Northern California churches will be found in another column.

CORNERSTONE LAID

A special ceremony for the laying of the cornerstone of the Broadmoor Church, San Leandro, took place Sunday afternoon, January 19th. In this case the cornerstone was laid after the building was nearly completed. The exercises were held in the new building, and ministers of our Congregational churches of the Bay region participated; the scripture was read by Rev. Charles F. Clarke, pastor of Olivet Church, an address was given by Dr. Francis J. Van Horn of First Church, and the benediction by Rev. Charles H. Cleaves of New Pilgrim Church. Rev. Rowland B. Dodge, the first pastor of the Broadmoor Church, led in the Invocation. The actual laying of the cornerstone was done by two members of the Bay Association Board of Trustees who have been very greatly interested in the building progress of Broadmoor and have been on the Broadmoor committee of Board, Mr. Selden C. Smith and Mr. E. T. Leiter. Another member of the Board of Trustees, Rev. W. W. Furze, offered prayer. Music was furnished by members of the Broadmoor choir, as well as congregational singing.

The use of the Guest Book went beyond the highest advance estimates, according to Secretary Merrill. Nearly 50 per cent of the churches, (2,569, to be exact) used it. Practically 200,000 copies were distributed, which means that at least 400,000 read it. It has been widely endorsed, and the same plan with a new and improved book will be used this autumn.

Recognition

A sermon by Rev. W. B. Thorp pastor at Palo Alto, was chosen a one of seven to appear in the Janu ary Christian Century Pulpit. The tex was the marginal reading of Col. 3:25 "He that doeth wrong shall receiv again the wrong that he hath done. Dr. Thorp developed with telling e fectiveness, that we are not punishe for our sins, but by them. "No jud cial sentence is involved, no trial b judge or jury; there is no room fo appeal to clemency. We simply brin things upon ourselves. We reap th very thing we have sown." Likewis he that doeth good shall receive th good that he hath done. "The mos fruitful life that was ever lived o this earth was that One who ha no children, wrote no books, owne no property, held no office and die on a cross. Did He receive it, H whose body was rent asunder on Cal vary? I will build my faith in immor tality on the certainty that He ha indeed received it."

One of our churches has a commu nion set suitable for a smaller church which it will be glad to give, on appli cation to the Northern California Con ference office.

COMING EVENTS

April 4 — Conference Young People's Rally at Petaluma.

August 2-9—Northern California Congregational Conference and Young People's Conference at Asilomar.

September 30 to October 2 — Pacific Slope Conference, Berkeley.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CONFERENCE SECTION

EDUCATIONAL WORK AT CHICAGO

For three days preceeding the nual Midwinter Superintendents' nference it is customary for the ngregational state educational sec- taries and young people's workers meet for a discussion of their utual problems. The meeting for 30 was held on January 16, 17 and at the Hotel Sherman in Chicago, d was well attended by men and omen from many parts of the coun- y. Dr. Herbert W. Gates, general cretary of the Education Society, esided over the meetings and sum- arized the findings.

The discussion this year was based on the application of "Standard ", an efficiency test for Church chools which is published by the ternational Council of Religious ducation. In this test a church hool is rated by points under the neral headings of worship, curric- um, social service and fellowship tivities. Each of these four divi- ons was discussed in detail, and the st was applied to members of the urch school staff of the Oak Park ngregational Church for the edifi- tion of the educational workers attendance. The Oak Park school as found to be one of the finest in e Chicago area by the application the test. Religious education may seen at its best in the metropolitan ea of that city, with Chicago Uni- ersity and its related seminaries as center for progressive thought ong educational lines.

The educational secretary of South- rn California had opportunities to nfer with Erwin L. Shaver, Harry . Stock, H. C. Herring, Robert ammon, C. C. Merrill, J. L. Lobingier nd other National Congregational fficers. Information gathered from ersonal contact with these men will e most helpful in strengthening our ducational program in Southern Cal- ornia.

APPORTIONMENT FOR 1930

Thus far twenty-four churches have eported. The following have adopted n advance over 1929:

	1929	1930
Bloomington	$ 100.00	$ 120.00
Claremont	8,600.00	9,000.00
Ctiwanda	120.00	130.00
a Canada	100.00	120.00
emon Grove	300.00	350.00
alms	25.00	30.00
asadena First	12,500.00	15,000.00
asadena, Lake Avenue	3,400.00	3,550.00
erris	170.00	175.00
anDiego, Plymouth	750.00	850.00
ierra Madre	600.00	700.00

It was hoped that all of the churches s result of the Plan of Advance and he use of the Guest Books would nake an advance of twenty per cent n 1930 over 1929.

THE BOARD MEETING

At least three persons reported re- ently that they had not heard the ollowing story: Because there are loubtless others who have not heard t, we pass it on for "better or for worse." The minister announced one Sunday morning that there would be a meeting of the Board at the close of the service in the pastor's study (not office). A stranger, visibly af- fected, reported promptly together with several sad looking men. The Minister eyed the stranger, and said: "This is a meeting af the Board"; whereat the stranger replied, "I heard you say so. If there was any one at church this morning more bored than I, I should like to see him." Exit!

A CHRIST WITHOUT PREJUDICE

FROM "EL AVANCE"

When commenting on what Christianity has done in our country, the thing most frequently heard is either biting criticism or a prolonged wail, but we cannot say that the Christian church has failed in Mexico. It cannot fail, but who is content with what has been accomplished? Complaints against the pastors abound; new methods are proposed, someone suggests a new organization, but the truth is that the "how and why" do not depend so much on forms and patterns as on the very essence. If it is so that the form in which Christ has been presented to our people has not been ideal, it is also true, even though it might not be believed, that the Redeemer dressed up on Sunday in the pulpit and taught the rest of the week in the home, has been nothing but a shadow, a caricature of the Christ of the Mount, the friend of Lazarus, the sublime Teacher of the Gospels, of serene eyes and heavenly look, who founded his seat of learning upon thirteen stones at the side of the road.

I am not going to repeat the burden of a song we all know by heart; we have adulterated the Message; we teach science and sociology, but nothing of religion. On the contrary, I think that our beliefs and our point of view have not allowed us to present with all its resplendence and full scintillation, the jewel that we possess. We have formed humanity in but one direction, and straight-way we show it the Cross and say: either believe or you will be condemned. We have placed Christianity in the cloth of our feeble brains. Whatever goes through, let the thirsty drink, but all the rest contains only heresies! But the Cross throws off light from all its sides and toward all fronts, and from the supreme heresy of the centuries (the stone of stumbling) came forth Liberty.

It has been said already: Christ is a universal personality, and every brain is a lens with which to appraise life. What is there false or perverse then in letting every individual interpret Christ and receive Him as he sees Him. One is redeemed by the wandering prophet who pressed into the dust the mark of his sandals and in the mind of the people the idea of renewal of life. Another loves the Apostle who with his blood wrote the history of love, or the Suffering Servant of Isaiah, and there even are those who pray to the Rebel Christ who turned over the tables of the sellers.

I do not agree with many interpretations of Christ and Christianity, and although I respect the ideas of the individual and of the community, I think that what we need, especially in our Field (more than criticism, confession of a need) what we need is a Christ without Prejudices who will speak to the "wise puffed up with vain knowledge," and to the "rich who cannot pass through the needle's eye."

The Christ of Theology, ceremonious, austere and sectarian, does not receive into his church anyone who has not been baptized; throws the first stone at an adulteress in order to purify the church, and condemns (according to who is officiating) either those who adore Him on Sunday, or those who reserve Saturday for Him. This is the Christ of the grave doctors with bald heads of wise men and minds of inquisitors. And such a Christ can make proselytes, but he will not save a people that is anxious for the "bread of life"; a suffering and confused people that seated at the foot of the Cross for four hundred years has been drinking in the name of its religiousness and sincere faith, the rites and superstitions of its beliefs, without having tasted one drop of the Spirit, or one caress from the light of Truth.

I do not have in advance any opposition to other religions, rather I try to see them without prejudice. But for me, the Church of Rome has lost all right to rule on our soil, because during four centuries she has left our people almost the same, without trying to develop their immense mental and spiritual capacities. The Evangelical church is not better than the Roman simply because it has a different name, or because it is attempting a reform. Let that church triumph which does the most for humanity! But while those who are fitted for it discuss a certain Bible text, men are sinking, a thousand fraticidal wars break out and the multitudes lose the salvation of the Cross because it disappears in the confusions of theological discussions. And now that the triumph of truth and love has been sought in different ways, and before the testimony irrefutable of what has been accomplished, I propose the preaching of a Christ without Prejudices; a Redeemer who receives the pilgrim without asking him from whence he comes; the Nazarene of rhythmic gesture and august serenity who looks above the intolerance of our sincere fanaticism.

I do believe in the triumph of Christ on our soil. As a Christian I have faith in the power of the Gospel; as a Mexican I long for the realization of our slogan "Mexico for Christ" and though I do not wear a prophet's beard, I know that the symbolical Anahuac who fecundated his religion with the blood of human sacrifices, will march under a crystal sky to the brilliance of the "first star" and following but one priest, Prudence, will render unto the Nazarene the beauty of his soul and the tribute of his love. But this will be accomplished by a broader understanding of Jesus; when the hates and divisions that are sown in the name of Christ give place to the preaching of the universal prophet of love; Redeemer of Jew and Gentile; Liberator of the sinner and the oppressed; Light in the cloister and also in the immensity of the night; inspiration of the lyre, reflection in the philosopher and Love in the heart.

Brother who uses the name of Jesus to bring men to God, open thy mind, broaden thy spirit, that there may be photographed in them Immensity, and before condemning a man for his beliefs, I suggest the use of this simple recipe: Repeat to thyself very softly, but not so softly that thou canst not hear it thyself, this question: Will Christ reject this man for this reason? I was dreaming and saw a "good Christian" ranting against an unbeliever. Jesus with his appearance of eternal peace and compassion spoke to his disciple: "I forgive, can't you forgive him?"

EVENTS AT OLIVET LOS ANGELES

1—On Wednesday evening, January 22nd. For the Good Fellowship covered dish dinner seventy members and friends gathered. Mother Inskeep who is a regular prayer meeting attendant, was given the place of honor. The whole Church was interested in celebrating her ninety-third birthday. There was a shower of birthday cards, then the big birthday cake with three rows of candles, representing the ninety three years, was cut. The following poem written by Mr. A. E. Hinsche was read together with congratulatory speeches. Clara Inskeep was born in Canada, Jan. 22, 1837. When two months old the family moved to Amsterdam, N. Y. At the age of fourteen she moved to Ohio, and in 1879 to Iowa. She came to California in 1920. Her eleven children are all living, six in California, two in Missouri, one in Oklahoma, one in Iowa and one in New Jersey. She is loved and admired by all who know her. She is a devoted member of Olivet. In her speech she pled with everyone present to live the Christian life.

2—On Friday evening, January 24th about one hundred and twenty-five sat down to the bountiful chicken dinner prepared by the Ladies Aid under the direction of Mrs. McLean. It was the regular monthly Church Dinner and Social.

3—On Sunday evening, January 26th, Prof. Paul Hultman led the Choir of seventy voices. The Olivet Choir together with the Trinity Luthern Choir of Pasadena. It was pronounced one of the finest musical programs ever presented in a Los Angeles Church. For the past eight months Prof. Hultman with Olivet as a base has led a number of church choirs. He is doing a great work and developing a great choir. After the program both choirs were entertained in the Church Parlors. Coffee and cake were served to about one hundred. A beautiful Pen and Pencil set was presented to Prof. Hultman in honor of his birthday which was on the night of the concert. This week he is expecting his father, Rev. Paul Hultman, a Congregational Minister, who is returning from his European trip.

A CONGREGATIONAL "WAY"

One of the Congregational "ways" that is meeting with increasing approval among both ministers and laymen, is that of the Annuity Fund for Congregational Ministers, which with the aid of the income from the Pilgrim Memorial Fund, makes it possible for the minister, even on a small salary, to provide a comfortable security for himself against the time of his old age. Letters received from recent annuitants of the Fund furnish the best argument.

A South Dakota minister writes:

"The first remittance on my annuity under the Original Plan has just reached me. It is great of our denomination to be able to make such provision for its aged and disabled ministers. During my illness last year, I fell a little behind financially even with the help which I had from the Board of Ministerial Relief. Now my annuity will square me up with the world and provide a little on the side in addition."

Dr. Lewis T. Reed, General Secretary of the Annuity Fund, 441 Lexington Avenue, New York, will be glad to forward information to any one who is interested.

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POPULAR HYMNS

Rev. F. J. Scribner has discovered that in the eight years the Janesville Church has had its present hymnals the congregation has used 142 hymns of the 483 in the book. But 34 of these have been used only once, and 26 but twice. Thus 82 hymns, or one in six, have been sung oftener than twice in eight years. Only 12 hymns have been used as many as sixteen times, or an average of twice a year. Here are the twelve commonly used numbers: "Holy, Holy, Holy," "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee," O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee," "Fling Out the Banner," "Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus," "Fairest Lord Jesus," "O Brother Man, Fold to Thy Heart Thy Brother," "The Spacious Firmament on High," "O God, Our Help In Ages Past," "Love Divine, All Love Excelling," "I Sought the Lord, and Afterward I Knew," "O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go."

GRIEF OF A SUPERINTENDENT

If the superintendent writes a letter, it is too long.
If he sends a postal, it is too short.
If he issues a pamphlet, he's a spendthrift.
If he attends a meeting, he is butting in.
If he stays away, he is a shirker.
If he offers a suggestion, he is a know-all.
If he says nothing, he is a dead one.
If the attendance at a meeting is slim, he should have called the members up.
If he does call them up, he is a pest.
If he duns a member for his dues, he is insulting.
If he does not, he is lazy.
If the meeting is a howling success, the program committee is praised.
If it is a failure, the superintendent is to blame.
If he asks for advice, he is incompetent; and if he does not, he is bull-headed.

Ashes to ashes,
Dust to dust,
If others won't do it,
The superintendent must.

A large and enthusiastic congregation welcomed Rev. Lawrence Wilson at the beginning of his pastorate of the Pioneer Memorial Church, Sacramento, on Sunday, February 2nd.

Word has just come that the 1931 National Council of Congregational and Christian Churches will be held at Plymouth Church, Seattle.

News Items

Rev. Frank C. Reid, pastor since 1923 of the Western Knoll Congregational Church, Los Angeles, has accepted the call to the pastorate of the Barstow church, and began his ministry there February 1.

Bloomington, Rev. E. B. Service, after a pastorate of more than three years, has resigned at Bloomington, and will make his residence in Los Angeles. The church has prospered during Dr. Service's pastorate—important repairs and alterations have been made upon the church property.

Burbank, under the efficient pastoral leadership of Rev. Leon H. Austin, who began the enterprise in 1923, comes to self-support.

Chino Mexican, Rev. R. S. Holding, pastor for three years and Superintendent of the Mexican Work in Pomona Valley, has resigned as of February 1st, and has accepted the call to the pastorate of the Panama Congregational Church, beginning February first.

Escondido, Rev. A. B. MacLeod, pastor, is making good progress under the pastoral leadership of Mr. MacLeod.

Graham has laid the foundations for its much needed new house of worship under the pastoral leadership of Rev. Harold E. Anderson, who has been with the church since 1923.

Lawndale for the first time in many years has a resident pastor, Rev. John Hester, and has a Director of Religious Education, Mrs. John Hester, who was for several years Director of Religious Education for the Oneonta Congregational Church, Rev. Holland F. Burr, pastor.

Long Beach, Bay Shore, organized in 1925, has come to self-support under the pastoral leadership of Rev. W. G. Pierce, who was Director of Religious Education for several years of the First Congregational Church, Long Beach, before going to Bay Shore.

Los Alamitos has come to self-support under the pastoral leadership of Rev. F. P. Rosselot.

Garvanza is making large progress under the pastoral leadership of Rev. Wm. J. Thompson, who came to this church from Hilo. Dr. Thompson was at one time pastor of Sierra Madre Church.

Western Knoll, Rev. Paul A. Davies, who closed his pastorate at Santa Barbara, January 26th, with a remarkable demonstration of appreciation and devotion on the part of the church expressed in a reception to Mr. and Mrs. Davies, when a generous purse was given to him, began his pastorate at the Western Knoll church, February 1st, with a reception and welcome on Friday evening, February 7th.

Two Northern American languages were added to the long list of over 800 tongues into which the Bible or its parts have been translated. For the first time the four Gospels were issued for the Eskimos of the Bristol Bay and Kuskokwim River district in Alaska, and were also published in the Hopi tongue for the Indian tribe of that name living near the Grand Canyon.

Slides For Service

We have recently had a change in the slides at the San Francisco office, so for the benefit of those desiring to use them in the near future, we are listing below the localities of the slides located on the Pacific Coast:

Home

Climbing Jacob's Ladder, S. F.
Mission Projects, S. F.
On the Trail of Columbus in Porto Rico, S. F.
Our Children in Every Land, S. F.
Our Mountain Top School, S. F.
Congregational Women and Their World Wide Work, S. F.
Seventy-five Years in Americanization, S. F.
Out Among the Red Men, S. F.

Foreign

The American Board, S. F.
Beyond the Pyrenees, Seattle.
Buddhism, Portland.
Congregational Shrines, S. F.
English Shrines, S. F.
Hinduism, L. A.
Ministry of Healing, S. F.
Mohammedanism, S. F.
With the Boys and Girls Abroad, S. F.
Angola, the Country of the King, Seattle.
Black Man in White Man's Africa, L. A.
Forward March of the Zulus, S. F.
Four Thousand Miles Through Africa, S. F.
Trekking Across Rhodesia, S. F.
American Board in the New Near East, S. F.
Awakened India, Seattle.
Glimpses in the Marathi Mission, Seattle.
Madura, S. F.
Under Ceylon's Palms, L. A.
Beautiful Foochow, Seattle.
China's Great Day, L. A.
In Far Shansi, S. F.
Tientsin, Where East Meets West, Portland.
Up the Minto Shaowu, Seattle.
The Upward Trail in Shaowu, S. F.
Farm, Field and Factory in Japan, S. F.
Springtime in Japan, L. A.
Beyond the Rio Grande, L. A.
Thrilling Tale of the Philippines, L. A.
Voyaging Among the Philippines, Seattle (to be shipped to S. F.)

Hymn Slides, S. F.

America the Beautiful (illustrated).
America (illustrated).
From Greenland's Icy Mountains, (illustrated).
Faith of Our Fathers (illustrated).
Abide With Me.
All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name.
Blest Be the Tie That Binds.
Christ for the World We Sing.
Come, Thou Almighty King.
Faith of Our Fathers.
Fling Out the Banner.
From Greenland's Icy Mountains.
Go, Labor On.
God Loved the World of Sinners Lost.
Hail to the Brightness of Zion's Glad Morning.
Hark the Voice of Jesus Calling.
Hasten, Lord, the Glorious Time.
Holy, Holy, Holy.
How Firm a Foundation.
I Am Thine, O Lord.
I Gave My Life for Thee.
I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord.
I Love to Tell the Story.
I Need Thee Every Hour.
In the Cross of Christ I Glory.
Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken.
Love Divine, All Love Excelling.
More Love to Thee, O Christ.
My Life, My Love, I Give to Thee.
O Jesus, I Have Promised.
O Worship the King.
O, Where Are the Reapers?
Onward, Christian Soldiers.
Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow.
Rescue the Perishing.
Shout the Tidings of Salvation.
Sing Them Over Again to Me.
Soldiers of Christ Arise.
Soon May the Last Glad Song Arise
Sound the Battle Cry.
Speed Away, Speed Away.
Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus.
The Church's One Foundation.
The Morning Light is Breaking.
The Son of God Goes Forth to War
Watchman, Tell Me, Does the Morning.
Watchman, Tell Us of the Night.
We May Not Climb the Heavenly Steeps.
Who Is On the Lord's Side?
Work for the Night is Coming.
Ye Christian Heralds, Go Proclaim

M. E. M. Hymn Slides

Saviour, Like a Shepherd Lead Us
Sweet Hour of Prayer.
Stand Up, Stand Up.
Take My Life, and Let it Be.
Tell Me the Old, Old Story.
Jewel Song.
Rock of Ages.

MOTHER INDIA

In an interesting letter from Lloyd L. Lorbeer, stationed at Dindigul India, are these interesting facts:

One of my interesting responsibilities is that of gathering statistic for all the Church and Mission work in the south end of India. In a population of forty millions are 703,000 Protestant Christians, about one to 55. This is 60,000 more than four years ago. In these last four years the number of missionaries has remained stationary (78) but Indian employed workers have increased by 400 to 14,965. In our 4,297 schools and colleges 186,000 boys and 84,000 girls are studying. In our hospitals 743,000 patients were treated last year, a gain of 15 per cent in four years. Christians are strongest in the south of India but in other parts also large efforts are being made. The missions in India are doing a great and growing work.

The Lorbeers plan to arrive in California by September for their year of furlough.

DIGGING

Hard work means nothing to a hen. She just keeps on digging worms and laying eggs, regardless of what the business prognosticators say about the outlook for this or any other year.

If the ground is hard, she scratches harder.

If it's dry, she digs deeper.

If it's wet, she digs where it's dry.

If she strikes a rock, she works around it.

If she gets a few more hours of daylight, she gives us a few more eggs.

But she always digs up worms and turns them into hard-shelled profits as well as tender, profitable broilers.

Did you ever hear one cackle because work is hard?

Not on your life. They save their breath for digging and their cackles for eggs.

Success means digging. Are you?

—Universal Engineer.

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